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Letter dated 15 March 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), which was established by the Security Council in its resolution 1401 (2002). I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Tadamichi Yamamoto (Japan) as my Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of UNAMA.

Mr. Yamamoto will succeed Mr. Nicholas Haysom (South Africa), who will soon take up his new assignment as my Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Haysom for his dedication and leadership of UNAMA, serving in one of the most challenging duty stations during a period that has seen important developments, most notably the political transition to the National Unity Government and the transition of security responsibilities to the Government of Afghanistan at the beginning of the Transformation Decade.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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